Mxecutiue Aroclamation State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Just tifty years ago, less than three percent of current farm and ranch sites in South Dakota were receiving central station electric power, and on May 11, 1935, President Franklin Roosevelt signed legislation creating the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Electrification Administration enabling cooperatively organized rural Americans to embark on the formidable job of securing dependable and affordable electric power; and,

WHEREAS, In the 50 years since its inception, the Rural Electrification Administration has pooled financial and human resources with thirty-six electric cooperatives in South Dakota, resulting in central station electric service for virtually all of South Dakota's farms and ranches, and the nearly 64,000 miles of electric lines serving the 80,000 rural electric consumers statewide have vastly improved the productivity and quality of life in South Dakota's rural areas; and,

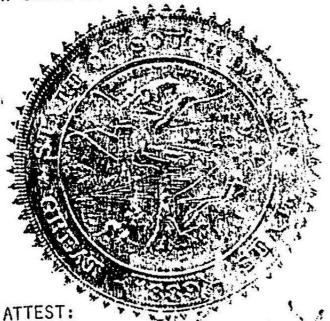
WHEREAS, The Postmaster General of the United States has chosen South Dakota as the national focal point for the issuance of a commemorative stamp honoring the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Rural Electrification Administration, and the commemorative ceremony is to take place on May 11, 1985, in Madison, South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Also on May 11, 1985, a historic marker will be placed and dedicated. In Burbank, South Dakota, the site of the first rural electric cooperative organized in South Dakota, and a 2,000 square foot display depicting the history of rural electrification in South Dakota will be unveiled in the Agricultural Heritage Museum on the campus of South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota, on May 18, 1985:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 11-18, 1985, as

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION DAYS

in South Dakota.



ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, ane Capital City, this Twenty-Second Day of April, In the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Five

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR